

## THOUSANDS SPEND MERRY DAY; SEE V. P. I. ELEVEN WIN

Thanksgiving Day Celebrated Generally in Richmond.

## GREAT FOOTBALL GAME FEATURE

Big Gathering Cheers Sturdy  
Techs on to Victory Over North  
Carolina Team—Broad Street  
Fairly Thronged in Even-  
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ties Galore.

Under cold and dull gray skies, out of which there came at times a gleam of red and gold, reflected from the sun concealed above, throngs made merry yesterday and talked of sport. Battering for the glory of the Old Dominion, young and stalwart college men contested every inch of ground on the gridiron with rivals from another State, breaking even on the honors of the day amid the plaudits of cheering, screaming crowds. Thrilled at first with the victory of the Virginia Techs over the North Carolina University team at the Broad Street Park, to the tune of 20 to 6, Virginia enthusiasm wilted for a moment when the wires flashed the news that the star university team from Charlottesville had been whipped by the farmers and mechanics from the Old North State. In points, however, the major share of credit remained at home. And then, when the goods news came that Richmond College had dragged the earth with the cracks of Williamsburg, the Techs cupped their hands to the broad street crowds yelling madly long before the white lights shone.

**Celebration on Broad Street.**  
Apart from the pigskin fights and the chase of the fox, the day was quiet, especially downtown, where the Sunday manner prevailed but theatres, cafes, halls, and other resorts failed to cut down the marching army that moved up and down Broad Street in the shank of the afternoon and the early evening hours, blocking the thoroughfare and celebrating according to the best of their ability. While lights flickered in saloons and swinging doors flung back and forth, there was little evidence of intoxication, and a spirit of give and take filled the jostling multitude and minimized disorder.

In most respects the day was not unlike others that have gone and are forgot. A variety of attractions strolled Richmond folk in many directions, hundreds traveling to Norfolk for the great game there, and a fleeing glimpse of a fading show. Withal, however, good nature reigned.

**Caring for the Homeless.**  
More beautiful than the honor which came with the victory of brawn and skill, was the generous hand of charity, reaching out to comfort and feed the afflicted and the festal and dependent wing of humanity that would have slept thankless at night without the touch of kindness and cheer. Like the son of the palace the son of the hotel was fed, and from a thousand throats there came a prayer of thankfulness and praise. Even the unfortunate in stripes and chains were remembered, for they laid aside the prison tools and played, hearing a sermon and feast of well.

**Socially.** It was a day of many functions. After the game of the afternoon there was a hop at the Hermitage Club; there were dinners and teas and informal dances, the festive and independent wing of humanity that would have slept thankless at night without the touch of kindness and cheer. Like the son of the palace the son of the hotel was fed, and from a thousand throats there came a prayer of thankfulness and praise. Even the unfortunate in stripes and chains were remembered, for they laid aside the prison tools and played, hearing a sermon and feast of well.

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Practically all business was suspended. The post-office observed establishments, the banks, wholesale establishments, city and State offices were closed. The city hall, the State stores were opened for a part of the day. There was no sign of life around the City Hall, the Capitol or Federal building, but the hotels were filled, men and women mingling in the lobby. The V. P. I. eleven went to the Jefferson after the game, but the crowd which followed it here drifted out early to see the sights and join the moving bands of Broad Street that always cheered the victorious Techs.

**Split Even on Gridiron.**  
Football enthusiasts as a rule expressed more regret over the defeat of the University of Virginia than satisfaction over the winning streak of the stars from Blacksburg, although they did not discount the victory of Captain Dillard's men here, and the score of 20 to 6 plucked from the University of North Carolina. At Norfolk the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College defeated the University of Virginia by a narrow margin, the Techs had the call, however, in the betting, and good odds were offered that they cut through the solid line and beat the team which had crushed the Techs several weeks ago. Special trains from Raleigh sent thousands into Norfolk, but outside of the Techs' eleven were few visitors here from North Carolina. Blacksburg sent a big contingent to root for the V. P. I. and, not content with a whirlwind of noise at the park, they came downtown, and kept it up far into the night.

**Award Heavy Damages.**  
Coffin & McDonald Recover Verdict Against Charles R. Flint for \$85,000. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ASHESVILLE, N. C., November 28.—In the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Boyd, the jury in the celebrated breach of contract case of Coffin & McDonald against Charles R. Flint brought in a verdict for the plaintiff and assessed the damages at \$85,000. Judge J. G. Merrimon, after the defense gave notice that a motion for a new trial will be made, and if refused the case will go to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Another Football Casualty.**  
TORONTO, CAN., November 28.—Alphus Auker, halfback on the Wellington team, football player, ran into a tree on the side line in a game in his home town today and suffered concussion of the brain. Injury may prove fatal.

**Big Virginia Land Deal.**  
Twenty-five Thousand Acres of Iron Ore Property Sold.  
PITTSBURG, PA., November 28.—It was said that a deal is under way between State Auditor A. C. Scherr, of Charleston, W. Va., and a syndicate of local iron men for the sale of 25,000 acres of iron ore land in Boone, Logan, and Albemarle counties. The deal is valued at \$100,000 is the consideration.

**Football Player Killed by Accident.**  
Cade Bowersett Killed by Accidental Discharge of Weapon. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
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The ball was successfully removed by the attending physician and the young man was thought to be in a fair way of recovery, but blood poison set in about a week, which terminated fatally Thursday. The young man's father was taken to Culpeper by his father and several of his sorrowing fellow students. The particularly sad feature about this accident, which has cast a gloom over the entire surrounding neighborhood, is that the young man, who was a very athletic and promising athlete, had been shooting the rifle in a little target practice with Miss Carrie B. Sneed, at whose home he boarded.

They had stopped shooting and were sitting on the porch steps with the rifle lying across her lap. They supposed the rifle was empty and had been fired, and it seems that the young lady sprang the hammer of the rifle and he told her to pull the trigger, but she pulled the trigger, with the fatal result above stated. Miss Sneed, who is a very attractive and lively young lady, is completely crushed at this sad and untimely death of the young man, who, as has been said, was a very promising athlete.

The young man's family have the sympathy of this entire section.

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In one instance a heated argument culminated in a clash between a North Carolina champion and a roofer for Virginia. The fight took place in the billiard-room of the Monticello Hotel shortly after the noon hour, the result of a heated argument. The Virginian waded in with his fists and was damaging the countenance of the other. The fight was broken up by the opponents' hands, and the Virginian was taken to the hospital.

Friends of the combatants showed an inclination to join in the affray, and a policeman was sent for. Then there was more fun. The crowd of onlookers began to take the fight, but the officer from taking the fight, but the doer who quietly informed them that the first man who interfered with him would be a candidate for the hospital. This had a soothing effect upon the too enthusiastic youth and the principals were escorted to the police station. After reviewing the case and considering the seriousness of the season the young man was released by the authorities with a reprimand.

Their names were withheld.

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## RESCUE OLD MAN FROM HIS FATE

Two Firemen Splice Their Belts  
and Swing Him to Safety—Victims  
of Holocaust Are  
Laboring Men and  
Are Horribly  
Burned.

**KANSAS CITY, MO., November 28.**—Seven men are dead and two fatally injured as the result of a fire in a two-story brick rooming house at 1103 Union Avenue, caused by an explosion of gas early today. The seven victims of the disaster were burned almost beyond recognition, and it was doubtful for a time whether their identity would ever be established.

The rooming-house was patronized by transient white railroad laborers, and as the proprietor, Edward O'Connell, kept no register, he knew neither the names of his guests nor the number of persons in the place. The explosion is believed to have been caused by a gas leak in a match in a room where gas had been escaping.

When the firemen arrived the flames were growing so fierce and the heat was so intense that they found it difficult to enter the burning building. When the flames were sufficiently subdued to permit the firemen to flood the building they were driven back by smoke.

When they finally gained an entrance to the building they found the bodies of the victims piled together in a hallway on the second floor. It was evident that the men were overcome while seeking an exit.

The lower floor of the building was occupied by a saloon and a barber shop. A thrilling rescue of an old man was accomplished by Firemen E. J. Jackson and W. L. White. The man was clinging to a window ledge on the second floor. The firemen were on the corner of an adjoining building and, being unable to reach the man, they pulled him up by a rope.

He caught it, and while the firemen braced themselves with great effort, to themselves, the old man swung down and was lowered to the ground safely.

George Garvin was taken out of the building, fatally injured. Another man, name unknown, was fatally injured by jumping from a second-story window. Daniel Casey was taken out almost suffocated, but he was recovered.

**All Are Identified.**  
The seven men who lost their lives in the fire have been identified as follows: Patrick Tucker, trackman; Adolph Summerville, aged fifty-six; Michael Harlan, aged fifty-two; boiler-maker; Thomas Lane, laborer; John Shuler, aged thirty-seven; track foreman for the Burlington Railroad; Jack Sheehan; "Frenchy" Porter.

It is believed that none of the injured will die.

**President at Montpelier.**  
Mr. Roosevelt and Family Made Holiday Pilgrimage to Madison Home. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, November 28.—President Roosevelt spent today at the old home of President Madison, near Montpelier, Va. The trip was taken in violation of the custom of the President, which has been to go to his country home at Hyde Park, N. Y., on Thanksgiving Day. With him were Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. Longworth, Ethel and Quentin Roosevelt. The party left the White House today, and were driven to the new union station, which they left at 9 o'clock. The special train, which was in charge of conductor and engineer Small. The accident happened about 8:20 this morning.

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## BEATEN AND ROBBED

Claude Whitaker Found on Street in Dazed Condition.

With a bruised eye swollen to the size of his doubled fist, with his pockets turned wrong side out and his clothes torn, and with every mark of having been held up, beaten and robbed, Claude Whitaker, a young white man, was taken to the First Police Station about 2 o'clock this morning by Policeman Hackett, who found him wandering about in a dazed condition on Fifteenth Street between Main and Cary Streets. Whitaker claimed that he had been robbed of \$25, but was unable to give any clear account of the assault. The city ambulance was called, and Dr. Woodson dressed the wounded eye, after which Whitaker was locked up for the night.

**Falls Dead at Big Game.**  
Pennsylvania Graduate Succumb to Excitement of Football Match. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 28.—Thomas P. McCutcheon, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and well-known mascot of the team, was dropped dead today in the grandstand at Franklin Field while witnessing the Pennsylvania-Cornell football game. Mr. McCutcheon was accompanied by his son, Dr. Thomas P. McCutcheon, and a crowd of the university's alumni. John S. Bowman, a broker, while on his way to the game was struck in the head by a bullet from a Florentine rifle fired by a ten-year-old boy, who was shooting at the game. The boy, who was not fatally wounded, was severely injured.

Three men are in a hospital here tonight, suffering from severe injuries received in a football game today between Whitehall and Bridgeburg, suburban teams. They are Walter Eckley, concussion of the brain; F. W. Swartz, dislocated shoulder and collar-bone; Hugh Luckman, dislocated collar-bone.

At Haverford, near here, E. Bush, a suburban team, was killed while playing football.

**Bryan's Banking Plan.**  
He Explains How He Thinks Confidence Might Be Maintained. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, November 28.—William J. Bryan came to town again today, arriving early from Worcester, Mass., where he delivered an address Wednesday night. He breakfasted at the Hotel Hamilton and previous to going to Dobbs Ferry, where he ate his Thanksgiving dinner with a friend, took occasion to tell reporters who called on him, of his scheme for a government guarantee for deposits in such banks as are authorized by an agreement to reimburse the government for losses on banks that fail. Such a plan, he said, would restore confidence and protect the country against future panics. Mr. Bryan will go to New Haven to-morrow, where he has engagements to deliver two addresses. Saturday he will return to New York to bid adieu to his wife and daughter, who are to sail that day for Europe.

**Put More Alienists On.**  
Issue in Bradley Case Is Mental Responsibility of Accused. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 28.—Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, charged with having shot and killed former Senator Arthur M. Brown, of Utah, in this city today, is being held in the District Jail today.

The entire case hinges on the question of the mental condition of Mrs. Bradley, and the jury will be asked to determine whether at the time of the shooting she was mentally sane, or whether she was insane, and of choosing the right between insanity and sanity.

It is expected that five witnesses will be present to-morrow to give their testimony. The case is being handled by the government and three witnesses who have some knowledge of Mrs. Bradley and the shooting affair.

**Celebrate in Mexico City.**  
Americans Raise \$75,000 for Hospital at Great Charity Ball. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MEXICO CITY, MEX., November 28.—Thanksgiving was observed by 10,000 Americans here today, who gathered at the Great Charity Ball, which was held in the city hall. The celebration of the day culminated in the giving of a charity concert in the city hall, where the principal members of the diplomatic corps and prominent members of the various foreign consulates were present. The ball was held, was beautifully decorated with thousands of electric lights and flowers. Over \$100,000 was realized, and the balance will be turned over to the American hospital here.

**Declare Bout a Draw.**  
Carney and Taylor Fight Ten Rounds Result. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 28.—The ten-round bout to-night between Kid Carney, of Philadelphia, and Kid Taylor, of Chicago, resulted in a draw. Carney was overpowered and the referee, Dr. Wallace Wood, announced before the fight that if both men were knocked out at the end of the tenth round he would declare a draw. Taylor forced the fighting. The men were weighed in at 124 pounds.

The decision was given by the referee, Dr. Wallace Wood, of Philadelphia, at the end of a ten-round contest.

**Powers Jury is Complete.**  
Eight Democrats and Four Republicans to Try Goebel Conspirator. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GEORGETOWN, KY., November 28.—A jury to try Caleb Powers, charged with the murder of William Goebel, was completed today. There are eight Democrats and four Republicans on the jury. Powers is from Grant county, and the jury was selected from the afternoon session, witnesses for the Commonwealth were called and at least one man will be called to answer.

**Blows His Head Off.**  
Man with Nothing to Be Thankful For Commits Suicide. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
APPLETON, WIS., November 28.—"I have lived this life, thanksgivings and have never had anything to be thankful for, so here goes nothing," was a note left by a man, Meislein, proprietor of a hotel, who today blew off the top of his head with a shotgun. Meislein yesterday ordered all the guests to leave the hotel, saying he intended quitting business, and demanded that they leave before Thanksgiving morning.

**On Wild Trolley Plunge.**  
One Passenger Is Killed and Ten Others Injured. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS, November 28.—Crowded with holiday pleasure-seekers, a trolley car today plunged into a river, killing one passenger and injuring ten others. The trolley, which was carrying a large number of passengers, was crossing a bridge over the river when it lost its footing and fell into the water. The passengers were thrown from the car and many were injured. The cause of the accident is being investigated.

**Death from His Wound.**  
William Sonner Dies From Wound Received Handling a Gun. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., November 28.—William Sonner, a young farmer, died at his home near Stephen City today as the result of a gunshot wound received while out hunting a week ago. Sonner was inspecting a gun in the hands of a young Italian laborer named Dominico, when the weapon was discharged, the contents entering Sonner's left leg. Doctors amputated the injured member, but were unable to save him. The shooting was entirely accidental. Sonner leaves a widow and one child.

**Highest Price Ever Paid for Clarke Farm Land.**  
The highest price ever paid for Clarke county farm land has just been obtained by the Whiting heirs, who have sold "Pleasant Hill," near Boyce, to Henry B. Gilpin, of Baltimore, for \$100,000. The farm contains 100 acres and adjoins "Fletcher," which is already the property of Mr. Gilpin.

**International Machinists Elect Their Officers.**  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 28.—The convention of the Southern District, International Machinists' Union, which closed here Monday, has adjourned to meet next year in Atlanta. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, J. F. Leach, of Birmingham; Vice-president, J. F. Leach, of Birmingham; Secretary, J. F. Leach, of Birmingham; Treasurer, J. F. Leach, of Birmingham; and other officers.

**Entire Family Made Ill.**  
Man, Wife and Two Children Sick from Tainted Meat. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., November 28.—A family of four, consisting of a man, his wife and two children, are all suffering from a severe illness, which is believed to be the result of eating tainted meat. The family was taken to the hospital, where they are being treated. The cause of the illness is being investigated.